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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID EFIN PGOV EG

SUBJECT: KAISOUNI AND CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

REF: CAIRO 11891

1. AA/NE WHEELER TALKED TO BENJENK MAY 1 TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE REFTEL WHICH BENJENK VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
2. BENJENK DISCUSSED CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING QUESTION WITH AMBASSADOR GHORBAL APRIL 28. BENJENK MENTIONED FIVE AREAS OF CONCERN RELEVANT TO THINKING OF MEETING: (A) AN AGREEMENT WITH IMF; (B) GODE PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING; (C) CLEARING UP ANY ARREARAGES; (D) GOE PROVIDING POLICY PAPER; (E) CONTINUITY OF ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP. APPARENTLY
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THESE WERE DISCUSSED BY GHORBAL WITH KAISOUNI (WHO HAS APPARENTLY STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED SEEING ANYBODY OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY), AND KAISOUNI SUGGESTED THAT GHORBAL REPORT BACK ON FIRST FOUR ITEMS, LEAVING OUT FIFTH ITEM ON GROUNDS IT MIGHT APPEAR KAISOUNI HAD INITIATED THE THOUGHT. KAISOUNI APPARENTLY TOLD GHORBAL THAT IF AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH IMF THE OTHER ITEMS WOULD FALL IN LINE

VERY QUICKLY.

3. WHEELER ASKED BENJENK WHAT CONSTITUTED AN ADEQUATE IMF AGREEMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION THEY AGREED THAT WHILE A THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT, REPRESENTING AN EGYPTIAN JUDGMENT THAT FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT MOVE AS QUICKLY AS IMF WOULD HOPE, WOULD BE A SUFFICIENTLY SUIT-ABLE FRAMEWORK FOR PROCEEDING WITH A CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING.

4. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION ON GODE, BENJENK SAID THE ISSUE WAS WHETHER GODE WOULD COME DOWN FROM A LEVEL OF QUICK DISBURSING ASSISTANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 1.7 BILLION IN 1977 TO A LEVEL OF 500 MILLION, AS PREFERRED BY GODE, OR TO A LEVEL IN THE RANGE OF 800 MILLION TO ONE BILLION, AS PREFERRED BY EGYPT. BASED ON ANALYSIS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR EGYPT, KHALID IKRAM HAD FIGURED THAT THE HIGHER LEVEL WOULD BE NEEDED FOR EGYPT TO COVER THIS YEAR'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITHOUT INCURRING SUBSTANTIAL SHORT-TERM BORROWING.

5. ON KAISOUNI'S HEALTH, BENJENK SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT KAISOUNI GOT A REASONABLY CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH BUT HAD BEEN ASKED TO TAKE MEDICATION FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO EGYPT. ON THIS BASIS KAISOUNI
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WAS PLANNING TO STAY A FEW MORE DAYS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURNING. VANCE

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FOLLOWIG REPEAT COLOMBO 2029 SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAY 1.

QUOTE: S E C R E T COLOMBO 2029

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
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SUBJ: EFFECT OF AFGHAN COUP ON NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: A. STATE 108913; B. KABUL 371; C. COLOMBO 1993;
D. STATE 109324

1. DCM SHARED APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF REF A WITH SENIOR GSL
FONOFF OFFICIAL. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND ASKED THAT FOL-
LOWING REMAIN CLOSELY HELD.

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2. ON 28 APRIL, HE HAD MADE SAME REQUEST (REF C) FOR INFOR-
MATION ABOUT SITUATION IN KABUL TO SOVIET EMBASSY HERE.
WITHIN A FEW HOURS SOVIET AMBASSADOR RAFIK NISHANOV HIMSELF
CAME TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, DESCRIBED AFGHAN COUP IN PAST TENSE
AS SUCCESSFUL, SITUATION RAPIDLY RETURNING TO NORMAL, ETC.
NISHANOV ORDINARLY VERY SLOW TO RESPOND TO MFA REQUESTS FOR
INFORMATION AND RARELY COMES TO MINISTRY FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

3. A FEW HOURS LATER, GSL HIGH COMMISSIONER IN NEW DELHI
REPORTED TO COLOMBO THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY GOI FOREIGN
SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA ON SITUATION IN KABUL. MEHTA'S ACCOUNT
COVERED SAME SUBJECTS AS NISHANOV'S IN SAME ORDER, WITH A
NUMBER OF SIMILAR PHRASES, CONCLUDING THAT GOI NOT PREPARED
TO HOST NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING IF KABUL MAY
6-10 GATHERING CANCELLED.

4. GSL SENIOR OFFICIAL VOLUNTEERED THAT BASED ON HIS PVIOUS
SERVICE IN MOSCOW, HIS PERSONAL SUSPICIONS OF SOVIETS, AND

FOREGOING HE HAD CONCLUDED:

A) IF SOVIETS NOT INVOLVED IN AFGHAN COUP, THEY AT LEAST
MUST HAVE HAD FOREKNOWLEDGE; THEIR SYSTEM DID NOT ENABLE THEM
TO REACT SO "GRACEFULLY" TO SURPRISES IN THIS AREA;

B) THE NISHANOV/MEHTA BRIEFINGS HAD TOO MUCH SIMILARITY
TO BE ACCIDENTAL. "OUR INDIAN COURSEINS ARE STILL WILLING TO
BE HELPFUL TO THEIR SOVIET FRIENDS."

5. GSL OFFICIAL SAID WITH KABUL INACCESSIBLE, DELHI UN-
WILLING AND COLOMBO "INAPPROPRIATE", HE EXPECTED NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING BUREAU TO MEET IN NEW YORK JUST PRIOR TO SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. WRIGGINS
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